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Hello. This is issue #3 of Incendiary Devices. If you would like copies of issue #1 (Blackwashing Olympia) or #2 (Anti-nazi bulletin please write. A buck or two for mailing and copy costs would be appreciated, but if you're stone fuckin' broke don't sweat it. We would also be glad to send copies of NAAG Notes (from Portland) or Spontaneous Combustion (from Portland/Olympia/Seattle). Anything we print will gladly be mailed free of charge to prisoners.

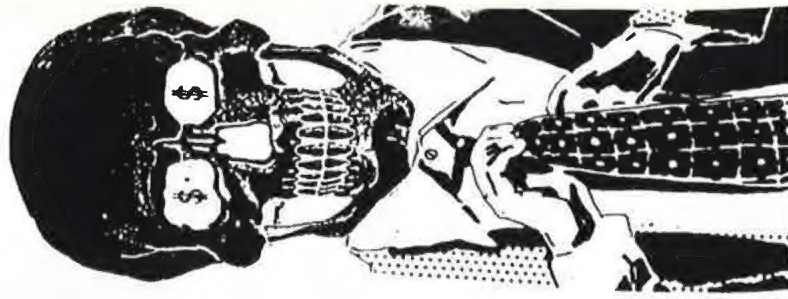
A bit about this zine: Okay, okay, the police state article is a bit long ... but we feel it makes some very valid and important connections. Whenever we put out our next issue we might have something on the drug war as we didn't even address the Drug Enforcement Agency in this article. The DEA is one of the worst elements of the police state, being that it operates unchecked locally, nationally, and internationally. We also didn't talk about the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, nor the recent police state actions of the Food and Drug Administration. No joking ... we live in a POLICE STATE!! Anyway, if you want more info on the police state reaction to the LA riots check out the Summer '92 issue of Covert Action Information Bulletin.

We nicked the Don't Get Caught article from the Summer '87 issue of Reality Now. The back cover Dynamite quote is an old one nicked from the Feb. 21, 1985 issue of the Alarm. We nicked graphics from lots of places, too numerous to mention.

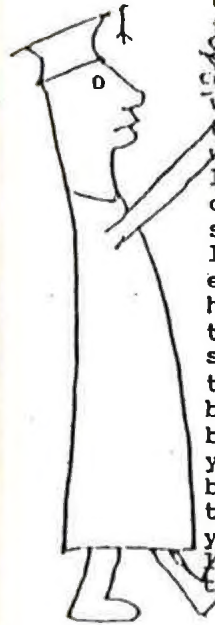
Hells bells! We want to apologize to anyone who mailed for our first issue and got no reply ... we had a major PO Box blunder and lost much mail. Sorry 'bout that.

We wanna thank the following: Weird-Ra, for her editorial comments and nifty typewriter; Scruffy for the cool cop graphic; the M.C. Automobile collective for continued support and revolutionary dedication; Vermin for just being who he is; Matrix clique and Porkland AYF for inspiration and lots o' laughs; Armpit, Crusty Butt, and Lil' Shit for being cool even when they walked all over our shit; graffiti artists; and all those everywhere who are fighting for real freedom and justice.

NO THANKS to: cops, capitalists, nazis, militant patriots, communist party hacks, and all others who attempt to keep the world in a state of perpetual imbalance.



School is a prison of the mind. School teaches us to fit into our preordained holes. School tells us that we do not know anything except what they tell us. School teaches us that the authorities are always right. School relieves us of original thought and imaginative processes. School gets us thinking the way the corporate state wants us to think. School adjusts us to and gets us comfortable with class, race, and gender stratifications. School teaches us that murderers are heroes and that those whose societies are not based on greed are backward savages. School teaches us what to think about and how to think about it. School traps our minds into society's parameters. School teaches us that the socially acceptable way of doing things is the right way. School teaches us that knowledge is competitive. School turns us against one another. School makes us get used to doing things we hate. School gets us used to sitting around for eight hours a day doing boring shit. School teaches us to submit to authority. School teaches us that our desires are secondary considerations. School teaches us to think of ourselves as commodities. School rewards conformity and punishes individuality. School makes inequality seem rational. School destroys the creative urge. School is ruling class propaganda. School trains us to follow every rule. School breeds the pecking order. School is a prison for the young. School robs us of the best years of our lives. School teaches us not to think for ourselves. School is social indoctrination. School teaches living human animals to be machines. School destroys intuition. School is coercion. School is manipulation. School teaches us that only a handful of people are intelligent, and the rest are stupid. School teaches us that it is best to just go along. School breeds inferiority complexes. School is prepackaged intelligence. School crams us full of useless information. School is to knowledge what bulimia is to food. School is co-optation. School denies reality. School fosters a cult mentality. School is a doctrine of lies preached by the ignorant. School perpetuates the status quo. School teaches us to live for tomorrow instead of for today. School limits our dreams. School makes freedom seem an unrealistic goal. School is a prison of the mind. When we are very young, we are sentenced to this prison without a trial and without a defense. Most of us do not want to go and do not want to stay once we are there, but what can we do? We are prisoners of society. Thirteen years of our life is a very long sentence; most have no or very little capability for original and imaginative thought left when their sentence is over. When it is through we are prepared for our lifelong mandatory parole in the work force. Some voluntarily extend their terms in mind prison by going to college with the hopes of getting a better lifelong probation agreement, or in the hopes of postponing their parole into the workforce. At some point you gotta break out or you get broken in -- it's that simple. Some people take longer to break in than others, but the earlier you get out, the more of your self that will be in tact.... and the easier it will be to learn to think for yourself again. Don't buy their "school is the only option" bullshit. You have tons of options that school will only try to deny you, but which have a chance of becoming reality if you are willing to put energy into making them so. It is your life they are wasting, so fuck 'em! Break free! And remember: they call it dropping out; we call it rising above.



POLICE STATE: U.S.A.

The United States is in one of the most terrifying periods of its history. The most accurate description of the U.S. today is a corporate police state. The state functions solely in the interests of big business (indeed, the government is nothing more than a corporate entity itself, set up to run society in a manner best geared for corporate profit), with a tremendous dependence upon prisons and police repression to ensure order.

The United States has the largest number of people per capita in prison of any nation in the world. Yet George Bush came into office planning to double the prison occupancy space in his first term. And indeed, as funding is cut from social programs, new jails and prisons are being built all over the country. Longer terms and more repressive conditions have become the norm. Marion prison, an extremely repressive high-security unit, is becoming the model for prison construction. Constant isolation, sensory deprivation, and other psychological torture methods are used along with physical force in controlling and breaking prisoners in these prisons.

The expansion of the prison system has been justified and sold by the ruling class through the creation of an anti-crime hysteria. The government has fueled the hysteria and created a reaction with the passage of increasingly harsh anti-crime bills, ever increasing funding

for the police infrastructure, a greater reliance on police enforcement and imprisonment for social stability and cures to social problems, and a gradual retraction of so-called "criminal rights", including the miranda law, warrant requirement laws, laws protecting the sovereignty of individuals and personal property, search and seizure laws, the right to appeal, etc. These factors indicate a ruling class desire for more dominant policing of society.

This policy greatly increases the oppression of poor and non-white people in the United States. The vast majority of people in prison are there for property or drug crimes. Those who cannot afford private attorneys are found guilty in courts at a much higher rate than those who can, and their sentences are much more severe. Furthermore, 50% of the inmate population in the United States is Black (compared to a 12% makeup of the society at large), and Chicano and Native American populations are also overrepresented in U.S. penal institutions. The United States has more Blacks per capita in prison than South Africa. One in four Blacks in the U.S. will spend time in prison, and there are significantly more Blacks in prison than in universities.

These facts are completely logical when considering that police, courts and prisons exist to ensure the continuance of a society based on and defined by class exploitation

and deprivation with institutionalized ideals of racial superiority. Capitalist society is inherently a class society where a handful of people control the resources and mechanisms of the society for their own benefit. As a class, Blacks are denied access to or control of these resources. The vast majority of whites are also denied access. Property crimes (theft, burglary, property destruction, etc.) and drug use (as an attempt to escape the realities of class society: poverty, destitution, desperation, isolation, violence, emptiness) are the logical results of such societies. The police-state is the control mechanism of the ruling class to ensure that neither these factors, nor more organized or conscious resistance, threaten the social status-quo, and thus their comfortable existence. The police force and court system also uphold the racial caste system within the United States; thus Blacks and other "racial minorities" are policed, harassed, arrested, and imprisoned at a much higher rate than whites.

Besides the control factor, there is another reason to imprison large numbers of people: cheap labor. Increasingly, defense and state contracting corporations are investing in prisons. There is a lucrative profit margin for those who cash in on the prison labor pool, as prison workers are only paid ten to thirty cents an hour. What the prison is to the corporation is an immense enslaved labor pool subsidized by U.S. tax dollars. A grand extension of this is the Bush administration's desire to privatize prisons -- subsidize corporations to build and run prisons as private profitable enterprises. Another term for "privitized prisons" is "corporate labor camps"... or slavery.

One does not by any means have to visit a prison to witness the growth of the police state, however. Police work is a booming field, and one only has to open one's eyes to witness it. The corporate state strategy is to pour billions of dollars into policing society, and through this build up police forces on a local, state and federal level. More cops are being hired constantly. They are being given more extensive training in military efficiency and are being armed with more advanced and powerful military weapons. They are given access to state of the art technology, such as voice activated computers in their cars, and high-tech bugging, spying, and monitoring devices. They have top of the line cars, vans, and trucks, and in many cities helicopters, water cannons, and tanks as well. Furthermore, as stated earlier, police are given much more leniency and leeway in how they make their arrests and do their policing.

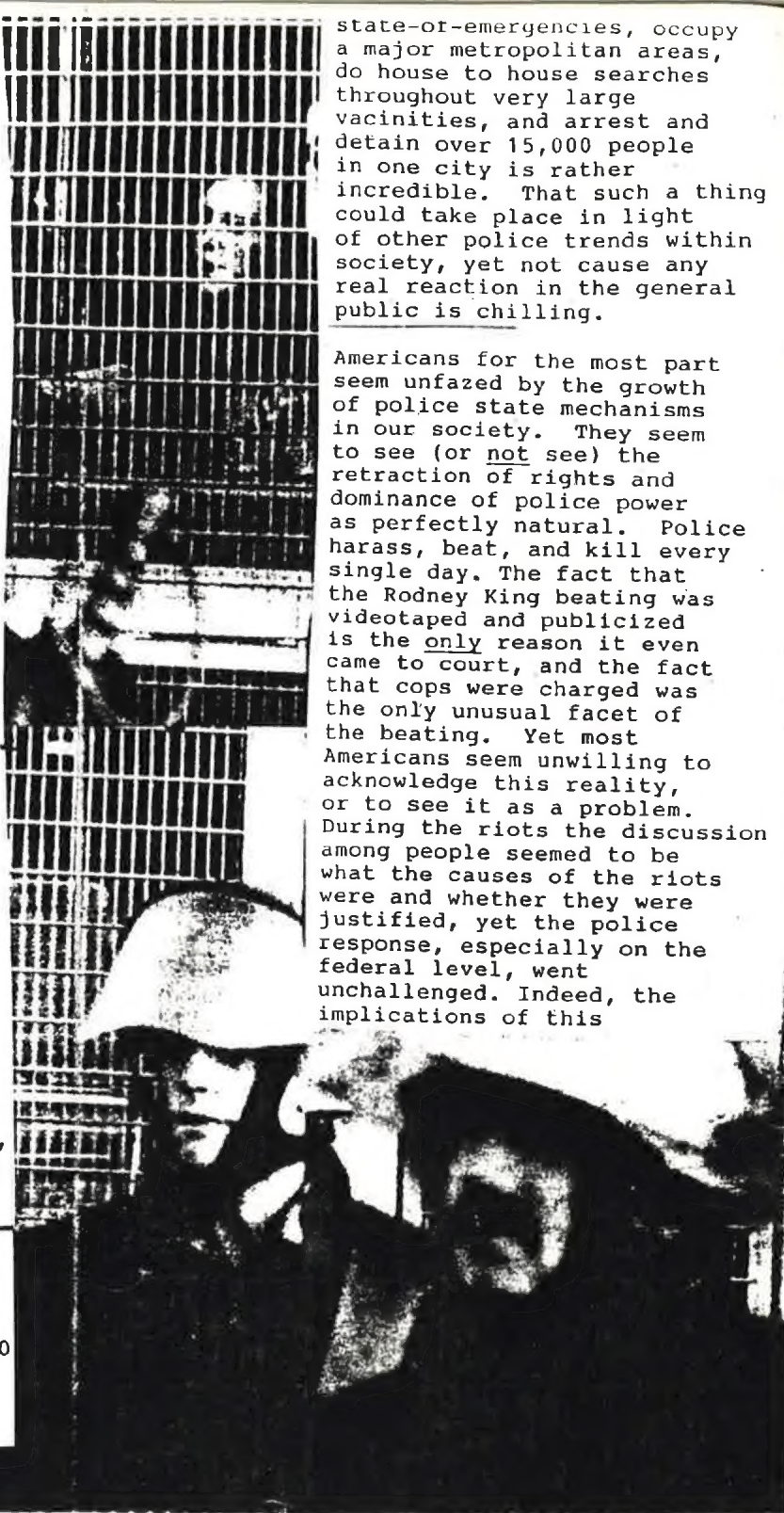
On top of this is increasing federal control over all facets of police work. With the introduction of the FBI Counter-Intelligence Program, federal and local police forces began working more closely.



This increased under the Nixon administration, when massive funding and effort was put towards increased federal/local technology and information sharing, and joint coordinated actions. These links continue growing stronger today, with federal agencies becoming more widely involved in the training, organizing, and control of local police forces. The federal government has assumed greater administrative and regulatory control over state and local penitentiaries and more federal money is going into local police forces. The most recent example of this merger was the Bush administration's announcement after the nationwide rioting following the Rodney King verdict that a federally administered urban control force was to be established. What this means is that for the first time the federal government will have complete control over certain local patrol units in urban areas.

Thus police forces in this country are becoming much larger, more high-tech, better armed, equipped and trained, more intrusive of our privacy in our day to day lives, more dominant within society, and more centralized. The massive coordination abilities of police forces as well as their ability to act with relative impunity is nearly overwhelming. For instance, during the riots state-of-emergency measures were declared in four major cities (Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Atlanta). Los Angeles was occupied by federal forces, including

the National Guard and U.S. Army. Many people during this period were killed by police and military, and after the riots had ended over 15,000 people were arrested in a matter of days. That the government has the ability to declare



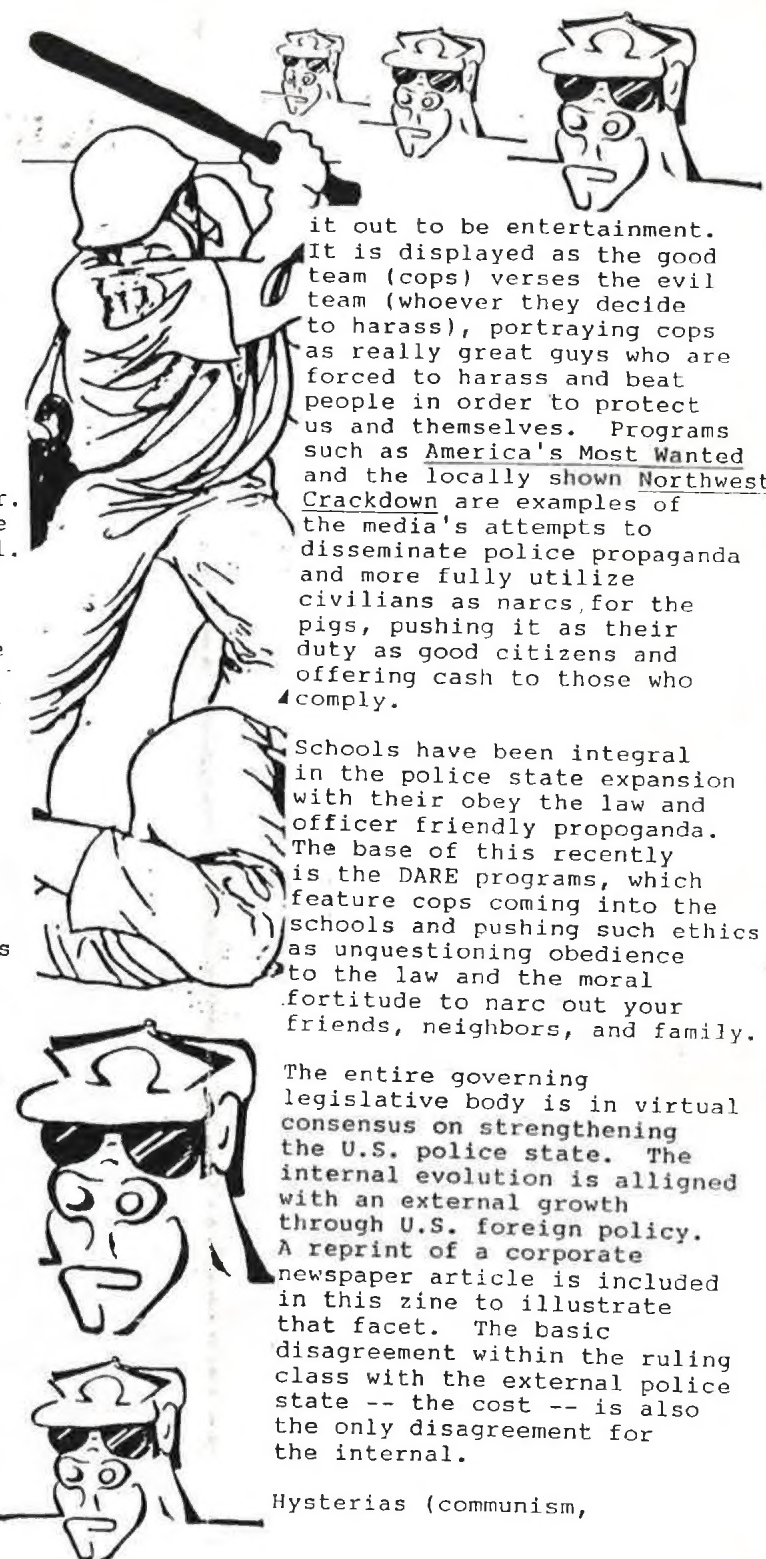
state-of-emergencies, occupy a major metropolitan areas, do house to house searches throughout very large vacinities, and arrest and detain over 15,000 people in one city is rather incredible. That such a thing could take place in light of other police trends within society, yet not cause any real reaction in the general public is chilling.

Americans for the most part seem unfazed by the growth of police state mechanisms in our society. They seem to see (or not see) the retraction of rights and dominance of police power as perfectly natural. Police harass, beat, and kill every single day. The fact that the Rodney King beating was videotaped and publicized is the only reason it even came to court, and the fact that cops were charged was the only unusual facet of the beating. Yet most Americans seem unwilling to acknowledge this reality, or to see it as a problem. During the riots the discussion among people seemed to be what the causes of the riots were and whether they were justified, yet the police response, especially on the federal level, went unchallenged. Indeed, the implications of this

response were seemingly unnoticed. For while the riots may have been a strike against the system by the disenfranchised, they most definitely were a sucessful test of the strength of the police state. They showed the federal government's ability and willingness to use all forces at hand to maintain order, and the willingness of a very large sector of the American public to acquiesce to any police measures in the name of order.

Here is the crux of the matter. The strength of a police state lies in its ability to control. Often this control is gained purely through force and the threat of violence. The most effective and strongest police states, however, are those which also have an ideological control: people within the society are conditioned to accept, support, and even embrace the repression and loss of freedom inherent in the police state. This ideological control can best be measured by the lack of resistance to overtly oppressive police state tactics and measures.

The media conditioning of the American public is intensive. Newspaper reporting of police and police actions is completely cop-biased. Movies and television glamorize police brutality and vigilante attitudes. Furthermore, the appearance of "real" cop programs such as COPS further desensitize the public to police brutality by making



it out to be entertainment. It is displayed as the good team (cops) verses the evil team (whoever they decide to harass), portraying cops as really great guys who are forced to harass and beat people in order to protect us and themselves. Programs such as America's Most Wanted and the locally shown Northwest Crackdown are examples of the media's attempts to disseminate police propaganda and more fully utilize civilians as narcs, for the pigs, pushing it as their duty as good citizens and offering cash to those who comply.

Schools have been integral in the police state expansion with their obey the law and officer friendly propaganda. The base of this recently is the DARE programs, which feature cops coming into the schools and pushing such ethics as unquestioning obedience to the law and the moral fortitude to narc out your friends, neighbors, and family.

The entire governing legislative body is in virtual consensus on strengthening the U.S. police state. The internal evolution is aligned with an external growth through U.S. foreign policy. A reprint of a corporate newspaper article is included in this zine to illustrate that facet. The basic disagreement within the ruling class with the external police state -- the cost -- is also the only disagreement for the internal.

Hysterias (communism,

terrorism, drugs, crime, or moral decay) are used as the basis for gaining ideological control. Any problem in society is blamed on one of these factors. With these as validations, the corporate state retracts our allocated rights, enforces censorship, and patrols every facet of our lives. The continuing drift of the government into further right wing policies, the growth of racist politics in both the mainstream and political fringes, the inundating social conditioning by a rigidly controlled media, a militaristic might-is-right ethic both internally and externally are all signs of an increasingly powerful corporate police state. These factors have been dominant in our society since the inception of the United States. Recently, however, they have been growing much stronger, and increasingly consolidated and centralized. The rich are getting much richer while the vast majority grow increasingly poorer, and the corporate police state continues to grow.

The mechanisms controlling the U.S. corporate state are the same as those controlling fascist societies. Indeed, the economic/political structure in the United States could rightly be described as corporate fascism. All it takes is a David Duke or Tom Metzger in the right place at the right time, taking control of the established social mechanisms, and the repression, racism, sexism, homophobia, and class exploitation which underpin U.S. society would reach their extreme. With the strengthening of corporate fascism and the rapid growth of populist fascist movements in this country, this seems a very possible scenario.

Those who do not relish the thought of living in an increasingly repressive police state cannot afford to remain passive. The riots in response to the Rodney King verdict showed that a significant sector of the population is militantly opposed to the police state, as well as capitalist society as a whole. To defeat the corporate police state, however, this resistance must be concerted and constant. We must be willing to fight both corporate and populist fascism. There is a political, economic, and military war being waged by the ruling class the world over, and poor people are being killed and imprisoned by the millions. It cannot be allowed to continue unchecked. We must FIGHT BACK!



Pentagon's goal: world's only cop

by Patrick E. Tyler
New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has a vision of a post-Cold War era with one superpower — the United States — discouraging potential rivals by ensuring world order.

In a broad policy statement in its final drafting stage, the Defense Department says America's political and military mission will be to make sure no superpower is allowed to emerge in Western Europe, Asia, or the territory of the former Soviet Union.

The 46-page document, which Defense Secretary Dick Cheney expects to release later this month, says part of that mission will be "convincing potential competitors that they need not aspire to a greater role or pursue a more aggressive posture to protect their legitimate interests."

The classified document makes the case for a world dominated by one superpower whose position can be perpetuated by constructive behavior and enough military might to keep any nation or group of nations from challenging American primacy.

To perpetuate this role, it says, the United States "must sufficiently account for the interests of the advanced industrial nations to discourage them from challenging our leadership or seeking to overturn the established political and economic order."

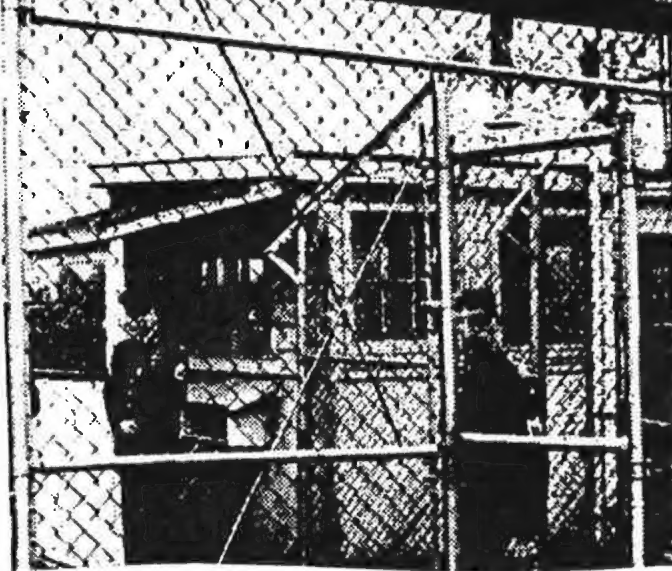
With its focus on benevolent domination by one power, the document is the clearest rejection so far of collective internationalism, the strategy that emerged from World War II when the five victorious powers sought to form a United Nations that could mediate disputes and police outbreaks of violence.

Although the document is internal to the Pentagon and is not provided to Congress, its policy statements are developed with the National Security Council and in consultation with the president or his senior national security advisers.

A copy was provided to The New York Times by an official who believes the post-Cold-War strategy debate should be carried out in public. It's likely to provoke fur-

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Policy eyes U.S.

ther debate in Congress and among America's allies about Washington's willingness to tolerate greater aspirations for regional leadership from a united Europe or a more assertive Japan.

Together with its attachments on the military levels required to insure America's predominant role, the draft is a detailed justification for the Bush administration's proposal to support a 1-6-million-man military over the next five years, at a cost of about \$1.2 trillion. Many Democrats in Congress have criticized the proposal as unnecessarily expensive.

There is a strong emphasis in the document on using military force if necessary to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in such countries as North Korea, Iraq, some of the successor republics to the Soviet Union, and in Europe.

The document is conspicuously devoid of references to collective action through the United Nations, which provided the mandate for the allied assault on Iraqi forces in Kuwait, and which may soon be asked for a new mandate to force President Saddam Hussein to comply with his cease-fire commitments.

The draft notes that coalitions

"hold considerable promise for promoting collective action" as in the Persian Gulf war, but that "we should expect future coalitions to be ad hoc assemblies, often not lasting beyond the crisis being confronted, and in many cases carrying only general agreement over the objectives to be accomplished."

What is most important, it says, is "the sense that the world order is ultimately backed by the U.S." and "the United States should be postured to act independently when collective action cannot be orchestrated" or in a crisis that demands quick response.

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CREATIVE WAYS TO FIGHT GENTRIFICATION

We've all seen it, once affordable neighborhoods turning into yuppie playgrounds. The affordably rented homes become condominiums, then all the markets and cheap restaurants turn into trinket shops and wine bars. Once the Starbucks coffee shop moves in, you know a neighborhood is gone.

Gentrification is one of the biggest problems facing city dwellers today. Gentrification is the process where real estate developers and their cohorts in the city government let the property value of an area go down so they can move people out of their neighborhoods, then they fix up the properties and sell them at a higher price to yuppies.

Gentrification begins with the landlords. Landlords let their properties fall into disrepair. This is a way of forcing the people who live in the houses or apartments to leave and of bringing the property value of an area down. In some places, like the South Bronx, landlords have burned their properties out. The fires that tore through the South Bronx in the late seventies left many people dead or homeless.

Another way landlords force people out of their homes is by jacking up the rents incredibly. In places like Manhattan, San Francisco, and, lately, Seattle, rents have risen while the wages of tenants have either stayed

the same or gone down. Soon, the people who work in a lot of the shops and restaurant in the city can't even afford to live there.

After the property values of an area go down, and many renters are forced out, real estate developers start buying up people's homes for a very cheap prices. Then the rebuilding begins. Developers and landlords begin painting their houses gray with pink trim to invite the yuppies to move in. The neighborhood becomes the new "in" place to live and soon the trinket dealers and wine bar pushers move in.

Meanwhile the people who had originally lived in the neighborhood either end up moving further out of the city or end up homeless. They say gentrification and development makes areas "nicer places to live" and "safer" but in reality it destroys people's lives.

So are we going to sit idly by and let the real estate developers continue to destroy the lives and hopes of millions of people? Or are we going to fight them every step of the way? There are many creative ways to fight gentrification, the following are a few suggestions:

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2) Tenant unions and rent strikes have been effective tools used to fight gentrification. Tenant unions are groups of people who all pay rent to the same landlord, organized to get better living conditions and affordable rents. Tenant unions are especially effective when residents of buildings owned by slumlords organize. Many landlords who own more than one property often are the most money hungry and the least sympathetic to tenants. Rent strikes are when tenants organized together decide to withhold rent. Most of the time conditions like the lack of the landlord to make repairs, no heat, or running water, or rent increases precede rent strikes. The rent money, or a portion of it, during the strike is sometimes collected and used to make repairs.

1) On the Lower East Side in New York, the struggle against gentrification has been raging. One method that anarchists, homeless people, and locals have been using to fight the real estate moguls is squatting. Abandoned apartment buildings and homes have been taken over by squatters. The squatters put work into the buildings,

pirate electricity and water, make them into their homes, and defend them when they are under attack by the police. All of this happens without the injustices of rent and landlords. For a squatter's movement to be effective, there needs to be a large community of supporters to help defend the squats. Many places around the world also have large squatters' communities or land squat movements including: Europe, Central and South America, Canada, India and Mexico.

3) Arson and sabotage of gentrified construction sites have been used, especially when the developers have defeated all other methods of resistance. Tree spiking, sabotage of equipment, sabotage

of building structures, and arson have all been used fairly successfully against gentrifiers.

4) Sabotage of the property of the rich who move into a neighborhood has also been used to fight displacement. Tire slashing of expensive cars, spray painting of rich buildings, and general insults hurled at the rich who invade your neighborhood, are some tactics that have been used. In some areas in England and in a few U.S. cities. Notes have been written explaining why the vandalism has been done. Messages expressing people's anger and rage against gentrification have also been quite creatively distributed in some cities. In Portland OR, notes against the rich were delivered on bricks through the windows of some expensive restaurants and shops.

These are just a few tactics and ideas that have been used in different places to fight real estate developers. Be creative in your struggles, think up new ways to fight the growing menace of gentrification. To make direct action most effective, it is important to have support of the communities affected by it. So look around, think things over, be careful, go on out there and kick the gentrifier's ass!



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The Joke's On YOU!!

Greetings from General Motors. We hope you are doing well. Although in truth your well being is the least of our concerns. To us you are simply more raw resources to be used and discarded. Our factories and machinery are worth much more to us than any human being. And when you look at it with a cost/benefit analysis, we are sure you will see why. To us profit is the only reality. Human and humane concerns only come into the picture when they directly affect our profits. Otherwise we really do not give a shit. Sound harsh? Let us

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STOP THE LEGAL LYNCHING OF MUMIA ABU-JAMAL!

To our liberation movements, the international community, and all progressive people:

The State of Pennsylvania is planning the execution of a U.S. political prisoner. Unless we organize to stop it MUMIA ABU-JAMAL will soon become the first political prisoner executed in this country since the Rosenbergs.

Mumia Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982. A former Black Panther, a journalist, and a supporter of MOVE, Mumia has been a target of the Philadelphia Police Department since the late 1960's. His articles for the Panther Party newspaper exposed the racist violence of the Philadelphia police and their chief, Frank Rizzo. Rizzo's response was a military style raid against the Panther headquarters, vicious beatings of its members, and a series of trumped-up charges. Mumia was one of those singled out.

In the 1970's, Frank Rizzo was the 'law and order' mayor of Philadelphia, and Mumia was one of the few journalists willing to speak out against the violence of his administration. In 1978, when Rizzo ordered the police to besiege and then assault a MOVE house, Mumia was the only reporter to interview MOVE members. Rizzo publicly vowed revenge.

In December 1981, Mumia saw his brother being beaten by a policeman. Mumia intervened. The policeman was killed and Mumia critically wounded. The trial was a farce presided over by a judge who was a retired member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He refused Mumia's request to represent himself. Black people were systematically excluded from the jury. An article about Mumia at age 16 for the Philadelphia Inquirer was introduced to prove 'intent' of an alleged long-held wish to kill cops and to thus secure the death penalty.

There is a long history of using the death penalty against radicals: Haymarket Square martyrs, Joe Hill, Sacco and Vanzetti, the Rosenbergs. Numerous organizers of the African-American, Native American, Mexican, Puerto Rican and Asian American communities historically have been executed with or without the benefit of a trial. In the 1960's and 70's, one of the tactics favoured by the FBI was to accuse those it considered enemies of the government of shooting at or killing police. This was used to justify the police executions of Panthers Bobby Hutton, Zayd Malik Shakur and Fred Hampton, and of Puerto Rican

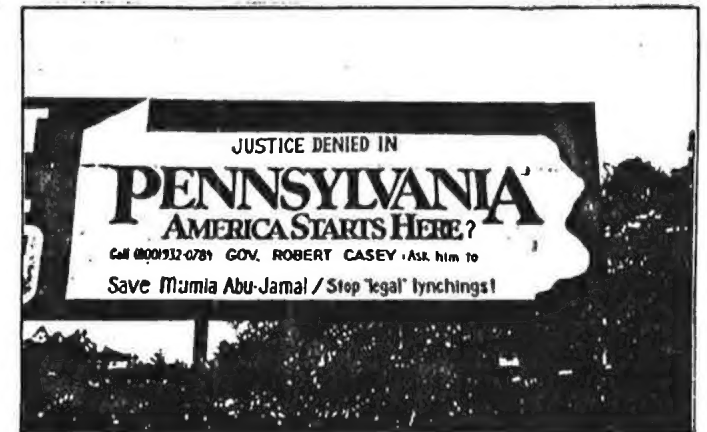
Independence activists Soto-Arrivi and Dario Rosado. Some of the longest-held political prisoners and prisoners-of-war in the U.S., including many former Black Panthers and American Indian Movement leader, Leonard Peltier, are still held in prison on trumped-up charges of killing police or FBI agents. Dhoruba bin Wahad, a former leader of the New York Black Panther Party, was recently freed after doing 19 years in prison on a fabricated charge of shooting two police.

We need to stop the railroad of Mumia Abu-Jamal. The death penalty means we have little time to do it. Mumia has exhausted his state appeals and Pennsylvania's governor Robert Casey has begun signing death warrants. The U.S. Supreme Court just added it own blessing by refusing to review the case.

We must not allow the same racist fear and hatred of African-American self-determination that brought about COINTELPRO to execute Mumia. We cannot allow the state to finish the job the FBI and Philadelphia police started when they dropped the bomb on the MOVE house in May 1985 killing 11 men, women and children, by putting Mumia Abu-Jamal to death. We must put a stop to this genocidal agenda that has put more than 2400 Third World and white working class people on death rows around the country. The death penalty has already been used to kill children, the mentally retarded, and the innocent. Now, unless we stop it, it will be again used as a tool of political revenge. The struggle against racism and injustice in this country has had enough martyrs.

We, the undersigned Prisoners of War, political prisoners, and politically conscious social prisoners demand that Governor Casey commute the death sentence of Mumia Abu-Jamal. (Write to Gov. Robert Casey, Main Capitol Bldg., Rm. 225, Harrisburg, PA 17120.) We call upon our movements, our communities, progressive nations and all anti-racist people committed to human rights to join us in undertaking all possible measures to stop this execution. We urge you to adopt this case as the highest priority in the struggle for justice. Only our collective power can save this man that the Black community of Philadelphia calls "the Voice of the Voiceless."

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An altered billboard in Pennsylvania

General Motors



The Joke's On YOU!!

Greetings from General Motors. We hope you are doing well. Although in truth your well being is the least of our concerns. To us you are simply more raw resources and machinery are worth much more to us than any human being. And when you look at it with a cost/benefit analysis, we are sure you will see why. To us profit is the only reality. Human and humane concerns only come into the picture when they directly affect our profits. Otherwise we really do not give a shit. Sound harsh? Let us tell you a little more about who we are and what we do and perhaps you will understand.

At GM we build cars ... although cars are by no means all we build. We also do contracts for the Defense Department building highly effective killing machines. As long as it brings profit we will do anything. Anything. Don't believe us?

Well wake up! Look around you. With hundreds of millions of people starving in the world, we are helping to strip the earth of all life and resources in order to build cars. We are part of the corporate ruling class. We run the government. We own the media. We dictate how you will live, what you will do, your very aspirations. All for our own benefit.

People talk about the environment. Let us tell you how we fit into that picture. We strip and mine the earth for minerals for our metal. We produce and use tons of plastic and rubber. We use billions of kilowatts of coal, petroleum, and nuclear produced energy to build our cars. We have taxes pay for roads, highways, and interstates, and at the same time stop the government from spending tax money on alternative energy or travel plans and public transportation. We want a society founded on the automobile as a necessity for survival and the only option for transportation. Sure, it may seem like cars and industry are destroying all life on the planet -- but when those cars hit the road, the flood of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, asbestos, and other toxic fumes they spew out smells like pure profit to us.

We hear about people starving. Now this is just basic economics. When you have a system geared towards producing enormous amounts of superfluous wealth for a handful of people, and all the worlds land, resources, wealth, and capital are in the hands of this tiny minority, many people go without. That is just the way life is.

To us building cars is much more important than feeding, clothing, or housing people. Because building cars is what makes us richer.

And unemployment? What do we care? To us, high unemployment means cheap labor. We demand worker dedication and loyalty to our company, but do not expect us to have any loyalty to you. With subsidies from local, state, and federal taxes we build our factories in your communities. We make enormous profits off your labor, pollute your land, air, and water, take from your person and community everything we can possibly get, and then pack up and leave the second you expect something in return. So do not talk to us about unemployment! Our only loyalty is to the dollar bill.

Then there is this recession. Well, we hate to be the ones to break the news, but we really don't care about that either. You see, a recession is what we call it when the poor are getting poorer. This country's corporate executives are getting richer and richer -- even in the recession. Sure car sales are down, but that makes for a convenient excuse to cut wages, to roll back such annoying interferences as safety standards and environmental regulations, and to close union shops and relocate in Third World countries. And if the market falls apart badly enough that some of us rich folks begin getting poorer (what we call a depression), we can always squeeze a little more out of the working class and focus our capital elsewhere for profits. Remember those war toys we talked about earlier? Yes, there is nothing like a good war to deflect peoples anger, while simultaneously getting rid of excess human resources and creating profits!

So you see, things are good for us. But why shouldn't they be? The entire national and world economy is geared for the interests of us and our corporate brethren. Governments subsidize us with money taken from the poor. We pass laws to make ourselves more dominant. When our profit machine is running smoothly, our government and media tell you the economy is "sound". People the world over slave for us. Unions are busted, governments are toppled, and wars are fought for our interests. You see, what we call "modern capitalism" is really just technologized feudalism. And we are the aristocracy. The entire world bows before us.

Now you understand why at GM ...

We Laugh ... while You Die!

CRIMINALS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

Want the power to lock some one in a cage? Deny them all basic humyn rights? Control everything down to when they eat, sleep, or get fresh air? Want the power to kill someone? All you have to do is label someone a criminal and the state has the power to do all those things, while the rest of amerikkka sits like sheep and cheers them on.

When people hear the word criminal, they picture someone lurking behind bushes waiting for their next victim, killing, raping, leading the pigs on high speed chases, grinning eerily, or breaking into their secure worlds. People think criminals can't be trusted, they think we lie, we're out to fuck people over, or we have violent tendencies. Even some anarchists are anti-criminal. Well its about time we destroy the myths of who we are, its about time we take back the words society has used to describe us, its about time that us criminals of the world, unite!

When i talk about criminals uniting i'm not talking about the executives of corporations, politicians, rapists, fascists, or capitalists. They are criminals against humynity, whose actions are, even if not always legal, very much approved of by this cannibalistic society. Criminals actions always challenge authority, otherwise they wouldn't always be trying to lock us up. stop our ways of survival, and to kill us.

At least 75% of the people the state has labeled criminals and locked up, are there for either stealing from businesses or individuals, or for drug "crimes". Why is stealing a crime? Bosses steal eight hours of our lives every day, landlords steal the pennies the bosses compensate us with, and the state and their men in blue steal our dignity and humynity. None of those people ever get locked up. But the kid who would never be able to afford a car so he goes out and steals one, gets five to ten. Or the womyn who can't afford the jacked up prices at her neighborhood store, so she holds up the cashier, gets ten to fifteen. In this sick, twisted society it seems like its not a crime to steal if you do it through the system, but if you try and redistribute some of the wealth as an individual, they put you in a cage.

It's impossible to justify punishing someone who steals from a business or corporation. The media, our teachers, preachers, and parents want us to think that stealing from businesses somehow affects people. They tell us shoplifters make the prices go up for everyone, and they feed us sob stories about the poor owner of the business who worked so hard to get where s/he is. They tell us our heads are in the clouds if we argue that food, clothes, tampons, shelter, and shoes should be free. Or they say that most people steal luxuries, like stereos, t.v.'s, v.c.r.'s, or expensive clothes. And somehow stealing something that isn't necessary for your survival but makes it more comfortable is even more wrong. Well fuck all that preachy, holier than thou shit. Businesses steal from us every day.



By selling our necessities they make survival a luxury. If you're only able to get a minimum wage job, well than you'll have to go hungry one or two days a week. Poverty isn't the fault of the poor, it exists because a couple of rich fuckers at the top decide to hoard all the resources and have things like fourteen vacation homes, while there are hundreds of thousands of homeless people. As far as stealing luxuries go, t.v.'s, magazines, billboards, the people who walk around the downtown of cities tell us that to be happy in our lives we need these expensive trinkets, like c.d. players and miniature t.v.'s. Criminals aren't above falling for society's materialistic myths. But if we get trinkets through thieving, we're the ones labeled greedy, while some snotty prepster who got all his little toys just by being born into some ivy league family gets t.v. shows like Beverley Hills 90210 idolizing him.

Some of the more radical types might think that it's o.k. to steal form businesses (as long as it's not one of their overpriced bookstores) but it's morally wrong to rip off individuals. If someone has six cars and you have to take the bus everywhere, how can it be morally wrong to steal one from them? (except for the fact that cars are pretty immoral) Besides, many wealthy individuals are so bought into their corporate ideology that their shit is insured, just a business's is. It does bum me out to get stolen from or to see other poor people getting ripped off. But it's like Ice Cube says, "I think back when i was robbin' my own kind, police didn't pay it no mind, but when i start robbin' the white folks, i'm sittin' in the pen.." Unfortunately, a lot of the people who rip off the poor are poor themselves. It's an act of desperation.

This call for criminals to unite isn't put out to those who get into crime just to be rich. It's not calling for high level drug dealers or Mafia businessmen to unite. Most high rolling racketeers are accepted by the capitalistic system any way. They can afford to pay off the pigs and hire guns to protect them. This is a call to those who steal because they need to or because it's better than getting a job. Some criminals get into it because they don't want to work. Who can argue with that? Why waste forty hours a week doing the same boring task, producing goods so someone else can get rich off of your hard work, when you can steal the goods you need to live. Stealing at least lets you use your creative abilities and gives you time to explore your true potential. Work stifles all that.

Crime is an anti-authoritarian act. Demonstrations of hundreds of people against whatever the latest injustices of the corporate state are, puts a little bit of fear into the wheelers and dealers of this society. But they can laugh as they call the cops to arrest the demonstrators, because a lot of the protesters will be back at work the next day, lining the pockets of the rich. But when the homes of the rich get broken into, or their stores get boosted or looted or burned the joke's on them. Acts of crime against businesses and the rich are acts of class

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Mr. Radicals can preach to crowds from their pulpits about redistributing the wealth, but the criminal who breaks in that ight to some executive's home is really doing it. But the t.v. culture will never dare to let you think of criminals as class warriors. That evil little box tells us ow to perceive our world. Think of all the cop shows that ominate prime time. Not just the obvious ones like Cops or merica's Most Wanted that try to make us all into narcs and nto accepting police brutality, but shows like CHiPs, Hunter, r even People's Court that show the cops as hero's who always atch the robbers. Cop and robber t.v. shows make criminals ut to be stupid. They show all criminals to be ruthless, greedy apitalists. They make it out like thieves kill innocent people. They also try to put fear into us. If you dare to commit some crime" the intelligent, hero, stud-looking cop will get you. Everyone knows most pigs are fat, missing a lot of brain cells nd pretty damn ugly. These cop and robber shows and movies on't just tell us how to perceive criminals, they also tell s who to think of as criminals. The majority of "bad guys" re shown to either be Spanish speaking drug lords, or young, lack teenage gang bangers. These dangerous stereotypes help einforce the racism that is so prevalent in this fucked up ociety. All you have to do is label a group of people, riminals, and any form of harassment, brutality, or repression s justified in the eyes of t.v. amerikka.

In the past couple of years, drug users have been criminalized pretty heavily by the state, media and schools. DARE pigs come into schools and try to get kids to narc out their families, t.v. runs programs like DEA, and George Bush talks about the rise in drug related crimes. Drugs don't cause crime, the illegality of drugs does. Drugs are a personal choice. How can anyone think that the state has the right to tell you what you can and can't put into your body? Legalizing drugs isn't really a solution either, though. Then the state would end up profiting on the fact that they have made our lives so boring that we fiend for drugs.

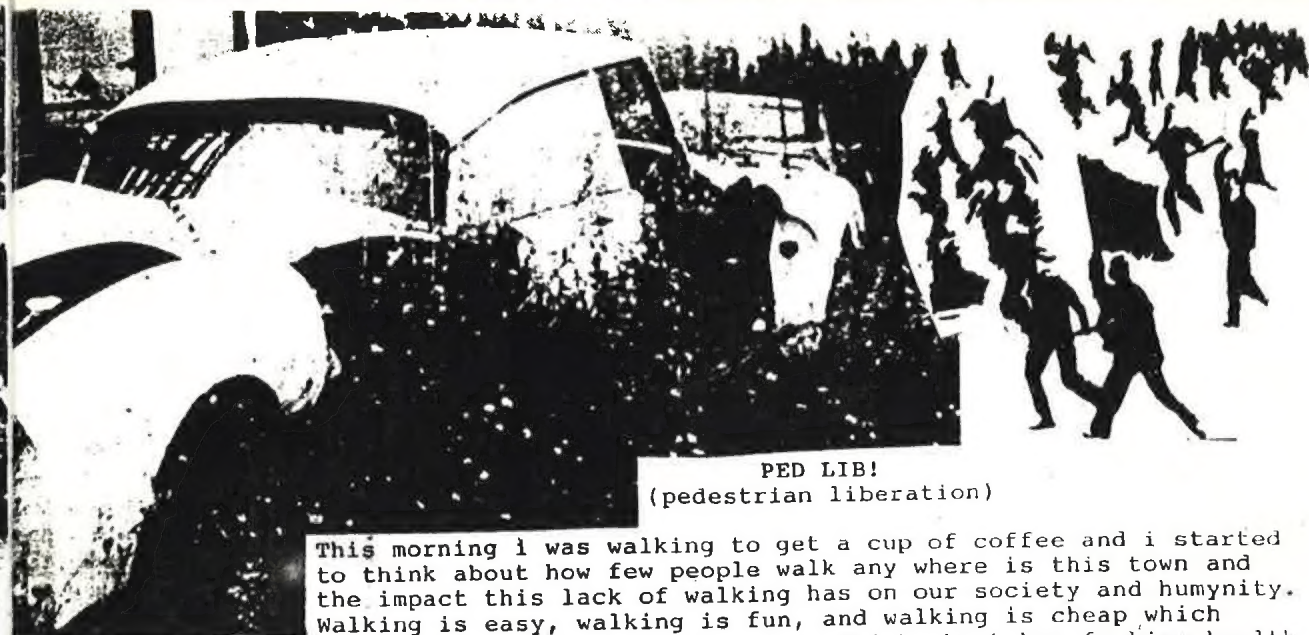
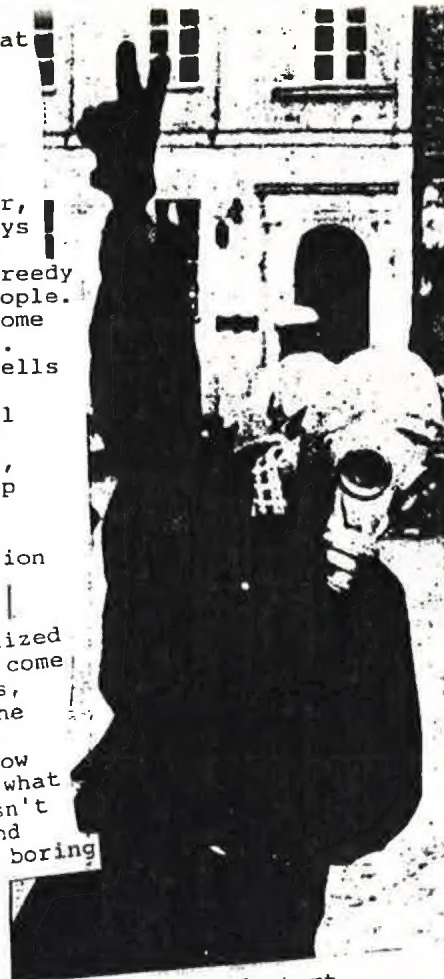
Criminals of the world unite! Let's get together and start helping each other survive. Let's make crime into what it should be. Let's stop robbing the poor and start redistributing the hoarded wealth of the rich. And for those out there who don't chose crime, start really thinking for yourselves. Don't just blindly say, thou shalt not steal, think about what's legal and illegal, and what's right and wrong. Think about who makes the laws and who they benefit. Fuck with store dicks and quit narcing out shoplifters. Don't worry, you'll still get into heaven. Criminals and non-criminals of the world unite! Together let's take from the fucking rich, and not get caught!



Free All



Prisoners



PED LIB!
(pedestrian liberation)

This morning i was walking to get a cup of coffee and i started to think about how few people walk any where is this town and the impact this lack of walking has on our society and humynity. Walking is easy, walking is fun, and walking is cheap which is the main reason i do it. Ever think about how fucking health conçious our society has gotten and how sick it is? You see these rich little yuppies drive a mile to their high rise offices in their BMW's and then go to the gym, which they pay exorbitant fees to belong to, to work out and get some real exercise on their lunch hours. Hmmm...maybe if they walked to work every morning instead of driving, they wouldn't have to work out. And then maybe they wouldn't have to work so much to pay for the gym and their car. Then maybe in their new found free time they could explore their humynity and then they would realize that being a yuppie is lame.

I worked out in the gym a few times, mostly to build up my arm muscles to outmacho sexist pigs. I felt totally bored in the gym. Then later i realized that dogs, monkeys, birds and cats don't work out. They get exercise in their daily activities the way humyns should. See we are animals and driving cars when you could walk somewhere gets us away form the fact that we are part of the world not above it. When we seperate ourselves from the world around us, especially with earth destroying machines, like cars, it makes it easier to turn away while the oceans, mountains, forests and other species destroyed. It also makes it easier for us to cover our ears to the screams of animals we put on our plates or to the screams of other human beings being tortured. So get out of your fucking four wheel drives and walk. It's subversive, it's free.

A lot of people advocate bicycling as a solution to this car dominated society. I have a few qualms about the whole bike deal. This society has taken bicycling, which was once subversive transportation but is now marketed as recreation and it doesn't do anything to challenge the transportation, alienation system. Besides bikes are expensive and cops ride them.

Others will advocate taking the bus. The bus is great if you want to spend more than it would cost for gas in a car to go somewhere for fare. Also you gotta go when the bus company decides to run them. So walk, it's free, it's healthy, it's subversive!

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Fight racism!

Recent events in Thurston County show a continued presence of Nazis and racial hatred in our community.

Stickers have appeared plastered all around downtown and Westside Olympia declaring that the most endangered species in the world was the white race, and calling on whites to protect "racial purity" and defend the white race. An out-of-state contact address and phone number were given. A positive sign was that most of these stickers were torn down soon after they appeared, and some were covered by stickers with the statement "Kick the racists out of our communities." Nazi business cards were put up around the library, one the basic neo-nazi shtick, the other an odd new-age paganist sort of nazism which stressed the need to reach a higher consciousness through increased race awareness and racial purity. These are both apparently organizations affiliated with W.A.R. (White Aryan Resistance), a neo-nazi skinhead organization run by Tom Metzger. Graffiti reading W.A.R. with a Celtic cross was put up in a couple places in town, and at least one W.A.R. newspaper was found downtown as well.

On May 21, two 14 year old wimmin - one white and one black - were attacked by three white teen-age females, two of them wielding baseball bats, on the 2300 block of Conger Avenue in Olympia's westside. The attack occurred as the two were crossing a vacant lot at 9:45 p.m. After being confronted and chased by the trio, the two escaped and called the police. The black 14 year old reported she had gotten into a fight with one of the attackers a day earlier after the other had verbally assaulted her with racial slurs. It has been classified a hate crime by police.

At an off-campus party attended by 30-40 Tumwater high school students, an incident occurred in which a doll was spray painted black, hung from a tree, and beaten with sticks. While uttering racial slurs, those involved in the incident then lit the doll on fire and stomped on it. Black students at the school interviewed after the incident described an atmosphere at Tumwater high in which racial slurs are used freely against Blacks and Asians, and at times the racism is so bad they have to look over their shoulders when they walk down the halls. One student reported having a computer program he was working on destroyed and replaced by one containing racial slurs.

These are the latest of many racist, nazi, and anti-gay occurrences involving Tumwater high. The school has reportedly taken steps to counter intolerance, such as sensitivity training for faculty, a citizen advisory committee on cultural diversity, and student diversity and sensitivity teams. Tumwater's principal, Terry Pullen, said he believes that the racist incidents are a backlash against actions taken by the school by a few students with clear racist beliefs. A member of the cultural diversity committee, Lee Howell, disagreed, saying that the doll incident is not part of a backlash, but rather something which was there all along. Pullen said he believes the racial tension at Tumwater high has gotten worse over the past year.

Justice & Equality Now!

Racism again

its ugly

It is important that Tumwater high continue their programs to counter racial hatred. But it must also be realized that the fight must occur in the classroom as well. Intolerance and hate attitudes will be impossible to counter outside the classroom if inside students are learning history from a racist, sexist, homophobic, imperialist, white superiority perspective. And when schools continue basing their "education" on tracking (which is always class and race based) for social careers, and fostering a competitive "me against everyone else" attitude, they will only continue feeding feelings of mistrust, separation, and intolerance.

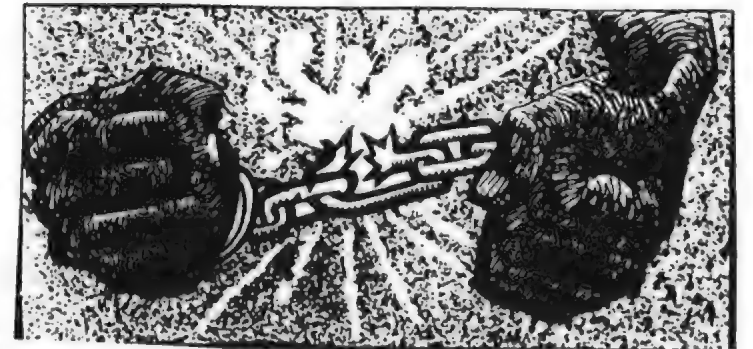
Also, for those students who are anti-racist, it is necessary to begin countering racist attitudes among your friends, family, teachers, and within yourself. It might seem easier if you are white in a mostly white school to let things slide, and may feel uncomfortable or isolating to constantly challenge racism, but challenging intolerance and injustice becomes easier the more you do it, and is in every way liberating to yourself and those around you.

Those fighting racism must realize, however, that all racism is not simple misunderstanding, ignorance, or naivete. There are those who have very clear and focused racist ideologies and agendas. These people represent an extreme danger, for several reasons: They are likely to carry out acts of racial hatred; they will attempt to strengthen the racist ideas of those around them and organize people around race-hatred; they are often very militant about their hate, and are willing to use violence to spread it. Certainly not everyone who is racist is so to this degree; however, the extreme racist (nazis, "white separatists", W.A.R., etc.) will try to increase an atmosphere of racial intolerance and hatred. Considering the segregation of U.S. society and the inherent and institutionalized racism of it, the anti-racist can see why these types of people must be taken very seriously, must be considered dangerous, and must be fought.

It is the responsibility of all to do what we can to fight racism. Failing to face the reality of the situation will render one incapable of fighting it. Racist attitudes are extremely prevalent in our community, racial harassment occurs frequently (often perpetuated by the cops), racial attacks are happening, and there is an organized and growing nazi presence. This is a reality which is reflected in the country as a whole. We can fight it if we come together with determination; if we do nothing and remain passive injustice will always conquer.



Wie wir die Nazis bekämpfen





Be Confident

Too often it is all too easy to get sucked into something that you are not really prepared for. The ugly old head of 'peer group pressure' raises itself again. Your friends are going out on actions, so you feel that you have got to go out as well. You know how it is done and you know that people have done it and got away with it - but are you really ready for it?

It is up to YOU and no-one else to decide if you are prepared and if you can cope with being involved, can cope with a few months inside. It probably won't be your friends who push you deliberately into direct action without you being fully prepared (and if they did, then they shouldn't be your friends). It will probably be your own feelings that are encouraged by the successful and inspiring example of others. But are you really ready for it? Can you take the consequences of your action?

Being fully prepared is tactically as well as personally good sense. If you are feeling nervous (but don't forget that everyone feels nervous before an action) and unconfident, then that will increase the chances of making a mistake...and mistakes get you caught. You have got to be fully confident of what you are doing before you go out and start to really hurt this stinking system.

It is wise, when you are starting, to go with (if you know any) experienced people and to start gradually. The odd spot of superglue here, the hammer there, rather than blazing buildings everywhere. The best way to build up confidence is through successful actions, but don't become too foolhardy and begin to think "I can get away with anything"... you can, but only if you are careful.

Some people are acting purely for the struggle, other people are acting purely for their own ego - in many ways both of these approaches are wrong. The struggle is not some object that can be externalised, divorced from our own everyday lives; we are the struggle and the struggle is us. Our own emancipation from the chains of capitalism must be our own act and we cannot, with the wave of a magical wand, emancipate everyone else.

But resisting for purely egotistical reasons is foolish for it ignores the social reality that constantly surrounds us. There is certainly nothing wrong with feeling personal satisfaction at a successful action, but if that sense of satisfaction is the sole aim of the action then you are condemning yourself to an island on your own, isolated from everyone else. So, as you go out, know why you are doing it, be fully prepared and be confident and remember that it will work, and you won't get caught.

(from Flamethrower)

Don't Get Caught!!

Below are some precautions to bear in mind if you are going out on an action. It is by no means a definitive list, and precautions used obviously depend on the type of action being undertaken and the conditions at the time. It is simply a list of things which have been brought to our attention during our experiences. Don't let the extent of the list put you off - much of it is common sense, and for that there is no substitute.

1. Always wear gloves to avoid leaving incriminating fingerprints. Wipe clean ALL equipment to be used beforehand, even if you do not intend leaving it, as things can be dropped or forgotten in the heat of the moment (white spirit is best for removing fingerprints, simply rubbing will not thoroughly remove them).
2. If equipment is easily replaceable (hammer, paint, box of matches, etc.), it may be better to leave it at the scene of the action (non-fingerprinted of course), rather than risk being stopped with it on the way home.
3. Dress to suit the occasion. Don't go out with a big 'D' sprayed on the back of your black jacket or a button that says 'Eat the Rich'.
4. Try to avoid carrying equipment late at night. If possible, hide it near the target/s beforehand - and make sure it is somewhere where no-one will find it and wait for you to pick it up.

5. Avoid telling everyone in a three mile radius what you are going to do (eg. do not discuss the action in a bar: loose talk costs lives!).
6. Think carefully about the time it is to be done. Bear in mind bar closing hours, security patrols, etc.
7. Be on the lookout for cameras (eg town centres, major roads, large premises, obvious targets). If you their gaze, dress in unidentifiable clothes (destroy them afterwards) and cover your face.
8. Always prepare an escape route and know it well. Alternatives are also a good idea, in case anything goes wrong. If you can, check that your escape route is clear beforehand.
9. Depending on the target, it may be advisable to do a dummy run (without equipment) to check that no-one has got wind of what you are going to do and is waiting to catch you red-handed. This dummy run can also help you to get familiar with the target and mentally prepared for the actual action, as well as allowing you to work out the best times, places to hide, escape routes, equipment dumps, etc.

10. Empty yourself in an alleyway before going out; the less there is the less there is to drop. Avoid carrying ID.
11. It is well advisable to have a story ready in case you are stopped before or afterwards (eg visiting friends, coming back from the bar, etc.).
12. Wash or destroy any clothing which may hold valuable forensic evidence after the action (eg glass splinters in jacket, petrol stains on trousers, shoe print in soil, etc.).
13. Think carefully about disguising yourself beforehand: it will help you to stand out less and avoid the chance of recognition. Wigs, glasses, beards and moustaches can drastically alter one's facial appearance (make sure that any obvious scars/tattoos are well covered up (eg with make up)) and wear different clothes than you normally do.
14. It pays to be prepared for any bad weather or electrical blackouts. Such chance happenings can easily be effectively used to your own benefit. Fog is ideal, rain can muffle sound, diminish visibility, decrease surveillance and give you an excuse if caught running ("I didn't want to get drenched, honest, officer").
15. Don't be predictable - always be imaginative - try to think what they think you will do and then do the opposite.
16. Make sure that your house is clean before you go out (and at all times). Don't keep souvenirs (ie negatives of photos, originals of communiques, anything from the site or any easily traceable tools).
17. If you are going to do a press release, make sure that you disguise your voice over the phone, use a phone well away from where you live and don't stay on it too long. If you send in a letter, make sure that it is completely untraceable to you (fingerprints, writing (each persons' writing is individual and can be traced, and so can typewriters), postmark etc.).
18. Be very careful about who you tell what you have done - it is best to tell no-one. If you do tell anyone, be careful about where you tell them: the police have been known to bug whole houses as well as phones.

Although this might seem to be a mighty long list, never forget that **YOUR PERSONAL FREEDOM IS AT STAKE**. But remember that the vast majority of direct action is successful and no-one gets caught... yet thoroughly prepare beforehand and be very careful. Good luck and don't get caught.

(this is reprinted from an excellent pamphlet called 'Snarl' which is well worth getting. It is available from Leeds ALF, Box 8, 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds. LS2 for 25p (plus any donations!)).

Silence Is Golden...

That dreaded moment has arrived - the hand on the collar, the voice saying "you're nicked", not enough people being around to give the cop a good kicking and free you. Into the van, surrounded by horrible and hostile faces, into the police station... where no-one can hear you scream. Although you are in a weaker position than the cops, there are ways in which you can strengthen yourself for this situation.

total hatred and utter contempt for the cops - remember that they desperately want you to break and start talking, but if the depth of your hate for them is strong enough then there is little they can do. And always remember that the cops are definitely not all-powerful; think of Keith Blakelock, think of the number of actions that you have done and got away with.

When being interviewed by the cops, the standard response used to be a continual series of "no comments" "I have the right to remain silent". On a minor charge this is still the best response - no comment. But in other situations it clearly marks you out as a 'professional' and has been used in court against people (although this is technically wrong according to judicial rules) - it happened in the Unilever trials where the judge declared that 'no comment' was proof that people were guilty as if you were innocent, you would say so.

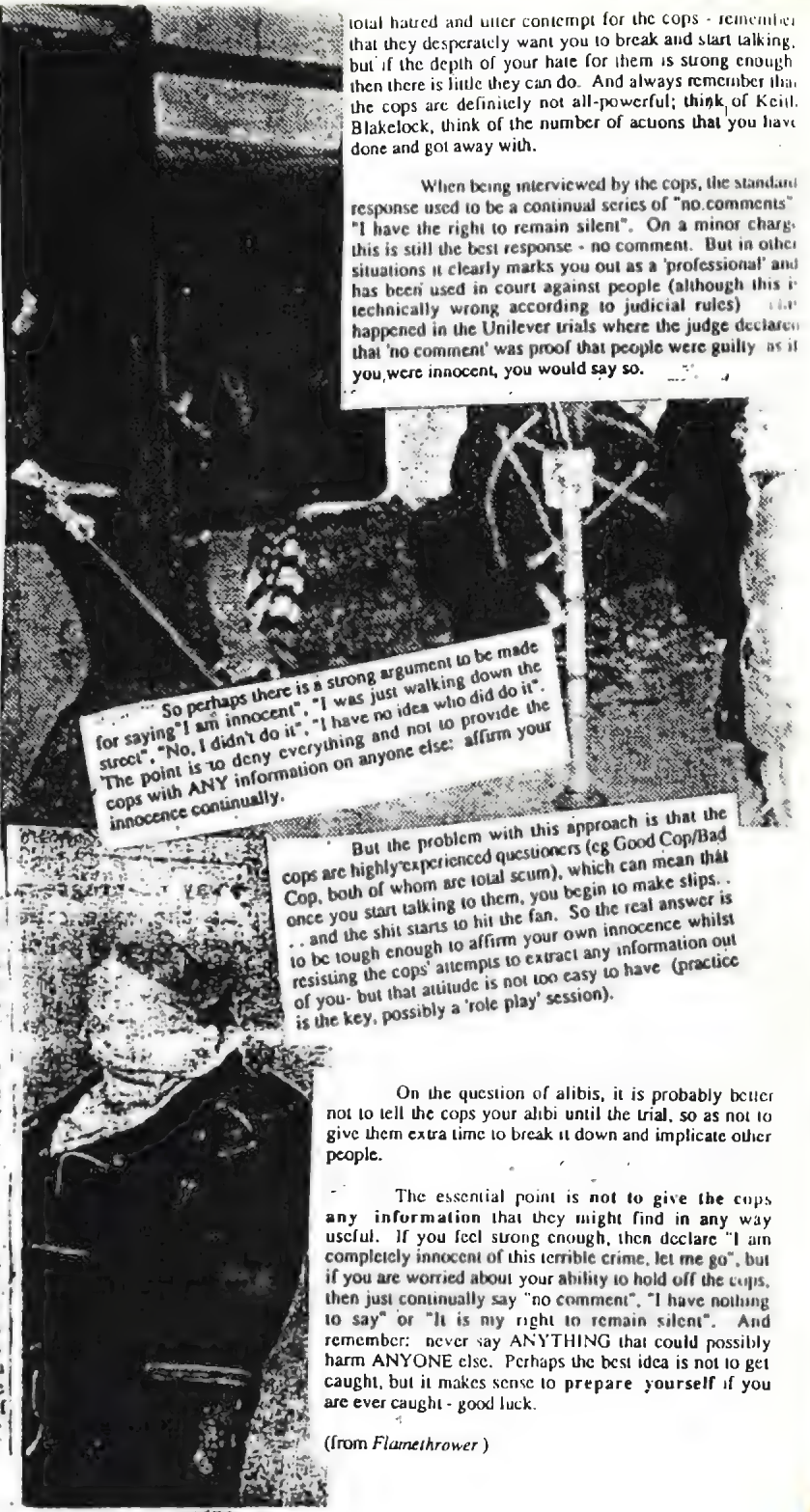
So perhaps there is a strong argument to be made for saying "I am innocent", "I was just walking down the street", "No, I didn't do it", "I have no idea who did do it". The point is to deny everything and not to provide the cops with ANY information on anyone else: affirm your innocence continually.

But the problem with this approach is that the cops are highly experienced questioners (eg Good Cop/Bad Cop, both of whom are total scum), which can mean that once you start talking to them, you begin to make slips... and the shit starts to hit the fan. So the real answer is to be tough enough to affirm your own innocence whilst resisting the cops' attempts to extract any information out of you - but that attitude is not too easy to have (practice is the key, possibly a 'role play' session).

On the question of alibis, it is probably better not to tell the cops your alibi until the trial, so as not to give them extra time to break it down and implicate other people.

The essential point is not to give the cops any information that they might find in any way useful. If you feel strong enough, then declare "I am completely innocent of this terrible crime, let me go", but if you are worried about your ability to hold off the cops, then just continually say "no comment", "I have nothing to say" or "It is my right to remain silent". And remember: never say ANYTHING that could possibly harm ANYONE else. Perhaps the best idea is not to get caught, but it makes sense to prepare yourself if you are ever caught - good luck.

(from Flamethrower)



My body, my choice has been the the rallying call of pro-choice activists for the past couple of years. My body, my choice, if i have three hundred dollars, if there's an abortion clinic near me, if i'm over 18. My body, my choice, not if i choose to have the kid and can't afford to, not if i choose not to be forcibly sterilized, not if i choose to have a midwife to deliver my baby.

Reproductive choice involves a lot more than just abortion being legal, which isn't even addressed fully by the pro-choice movement. Right now abortion isn't covered by federally funded medical programs so it is difficult for poor womyn to abort. In many states, abortion is illegal for womyn under the age of 18 without written parental consent (in some states, womyn must have the signatures of both parents, regardless of if they live with both or even know both of their parents), so access to abortion is limited for

young womyn. Pro-choice should also deal with womyn's choice to have children. The reproductive rights movement hasn't dealt with lack of food, shelter, clothing, and health care for children. Native American, Puerto Rican, and poor womyn have been forcibly sterilized at alarmingly high rates. Womyn receiving state medical aid also have been given unnecessary Ceasarian Sections, because the doctors profit more from them. All of these are choice issues. Our body, our choice says

the Supreme Court, the medical establishment, Congress, the welfare system, the church, the army, the prison system, and the corporations. Under any form of authority, your body does not belong to you. It's kind of funny to see pictures of pro-choice activists wearing "Keep your Laws of my Body" pins being civilly disobedient, while cops drag them off. Any movement that wants

reproductive freedom can't expect a society that buys and sells people for eight hours a day, that sends people to kill and die for it, that imprisons, arrests and brutally beats people, to politely give it to us.

Any Christian, male dominated, capitalist, society won't ever have abortion as a guaranteed, legal right. For the pro choice movement to make it's goal proper legislation, is naive and dangerous. Instead we should start attacking the institutions that keep womyn's (and men's) choices limited, like the church, state, and corporations. The only way choice will become a guaranteed freedom is when we start making it one by taking control of our own bodies and lives.

Womyn can begin taking the control of our bodies into our own hands by learning how to give ourselves annual exams, and through alternative abortion techniques like menstrual extraction and herbal remedies. Herbal and other alternative health care is a lot safer, healthier, and environmentally conscious than modern authoritarian, male dominated scientific

health care. Our bodies, ourselves, our lives! for more info on womyn's alternative health care write: Wimmins' Anarcha-Feminist Health Tour P.O. Box 7293 Minneapolis, MN 55407




While food and clothing may be of some small comfort, some things are essential. Like Blazer coverage. And more Blazer coverage. So, throughout the playoffs, after every game, we're wrapping four-pages of Blazer news around the Sports section. It's the most obsessively complete coverage you'll find anywhere. As we've said, if it matters to Oregonians, it's in The Oregonian.

The Oregonian

The editors and ad executives of the Oregonian find this humorous. So do the yuppie scum and fascist assholes the Oregonian caters to. While homelessness and poverty continue to ravage this country, gentrification in Portland and all urban centers expands the schism between rich and poor, the haves and the have-nots. Yet the rich bastards laugh about food, shelter, and clothing being of "some small comfort". For them it is probably true ... sports coverage is a more constant concern than means of survival; but for most of us homelessness, hunger, and poverty are a constant reality, staring us in the face every minute of our lives. So they may be smug enough to laugh now, but they don't laugh when we smash their windows and burn their stores, looting merchandise and expropriating wealth. They stop laughing when we trash their cars and homes. They won't be laughing when our guns, knives and explosives turn their way, meticulously destroying this enforced reality and shredding the fabric of injustice which surrounds us. So laugh while you can fuckers -- but just remember -- WE WILL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH!!





Dynamite! Of all the good stuff, that is the stuff! Stuff several pounds of this sublime stuff into an inch pipe (gas or water pipe) plug up both ends, insert a cap with a fuse attached, place this in the immediate vicinity of a lot of rich loafers who live by the sweat of other people's brows, and light the fuse. A most cheerful and gratifying result will follow. In giving dynamite to the downtrodden millions of the globe, science has done its best work. The dear stuff can be carried in the pocket without danger, while it is a formidable weapon against any force of militia, police, or detectives that may want to stifle the cry for justice that goes forth from the plundered slaves. It is something not very ornamental, but exceedingly useful. It can be used against persons and things. It is better to use it against the former than against bricks and masonry. It is a genuine boon for the disinherited while it brings terror and fear to the robbers. A pound of this good stuff beats a bushel of ballots all hollow-and don't you forget it! Our lawmakers might as well try to sit down on the crater of a volcano or on the point of a bayonet as to endeavor to stop the manufacture and use of dynamite. It takes more justice and right than is contained in laws to quiet the spirit of unrest.

The Persian Gulf War

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES: MEETING THE MILITARY'S NEEDS WHEN QUALITY REALLY COUNTED

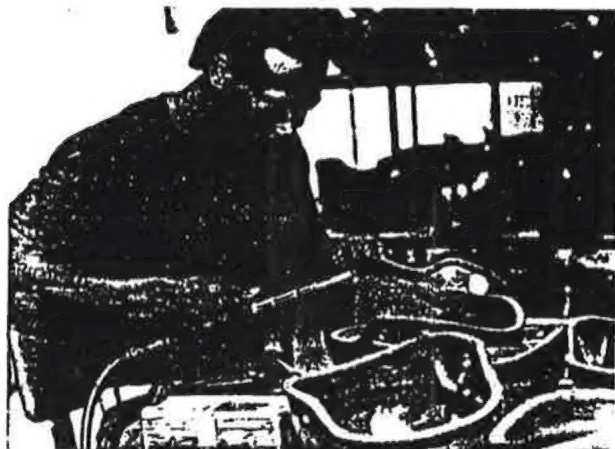


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An inmate assembles a Kevlar® helmet at the FPI Bastrop, Texas factory.

Federal Prison Industries, Inc., (trade name UNICOR) was among those manufacturers producing equipment and supplies for the war effort. FPI factories made everything from Kevlar® helmets, battle dress uniforms and beds, to cables for the Patriot Missile System, often producing items in half the time normally required.

The military has relied on FPI since before World War II, because FPI takes pride in producing a quality product, tailored to the needs of its customer--the Federal Government.



Fairton prison workers
make cable for gulf war

You asked me in your last letter if I could write something on my experiences in Federal Prison, so I'm sending you a 15 page photodup on one aspect of my incarceration - Work. This piece of Government propaganda, written no doubt by some wannabe Goebbels, speaks for itself as far as showing how completely out of control our Government has become.

As you can see, our Federal Prison system has a close and very unhealthy relationship with the Military/Industrial Complex in this country. What does this mean? Unicor/F.P.I. is a private government corporation that uses cheap inmate labor for profit and provides the Military with needed supplies and components for its imperialistic goals. This Government propaganda tells you the "F.P.I. is the number one inmate management tool for overcrowded Prisons", but it doesn't explain why Federal Prisons are overcrowded in the first place! When you consider the evidence linking the C.I.A. - Iran/Contra - Bush/Noriega connection with the increase in drug smuggling over the past ten years--and the thousands of individuals incarcerated as a result of the "War On Drugs", maybe instead of "F.P.I. is the number one inmate management tool for overcrowded Prisons", it should read "Overcrowded Prisons are the number one tool for management of F.P.I.!" With over 80 factories across the vast chain of the Gulag Archipelago and untold billions in profit, Unicor is a very lucrative business to be in!

In using this simple formula: More Inmates = More Factories = More Profits, it's not hard to see why the U.S. leads the world in the rate of incarceration and how we were able to mobilize for Desert Storm so quickly. Unicor has a slogan (believe it or not) that sez "Factories Within Fences", which is their statement as well as their goal. It has also been the goal for every fascist and totalitarian government of the past 60 years - from Nazi Germany's "concentration camps" to Russia's "Gulags" to China's "forced labor camps". Are we really surprised to see the same thing in this capitalistic country too, where social control and profit margins run hand in hand?

I would really appreciate it if you could run off a few copies of this and mail 'em to anyone interested or could use this information. With the awareness of the recent Bill - H.R. 4079, or the "Emergency Drug and Crime Bill" that Newt Gingrich and Phil Gramm tried to introduce into legislation last year, it's important to understand that the Gulags do exist in this country and that Unicor/F.P.I. is the model.

From the American Gulag,
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FPI is the Bureau of Prisons' primary means of managing its severely overcrowded prisons. FPI relieves idleness and thereby provides Federal prison administrators with their number one inmate management tool in a prison system that has been operating at over 150 percent of capacity for the past several years.

STOP THE LEGAL LYNCHING OF MUMIA ABU-JAMAL!

To our liberation movements, the international community, and all progressive people:

The State of Pennsylvania is planning the execution of a U.S. political prisoner. Unless we organize to stop it MUMIA ABU-JAMAL will soon become the first political prisoner executed in this country since the Rosenbergs.

Mumia Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982. A former Black Panther, a journalist, and a supporter of MOVE, Mumia has been a target of the Philadelphia Police Department since the late 1960's. His articles for the Panther Party newspaper exposed the racist violence of the Philadelphia police and their chief, Frank Rizzo. Rizzo's response was a military style raid against the Panther headquarters, vicious beatings of its members, and a series of trumped-up charges. Mumia was one of those singled out.

In the 1970's, Frank Rizzo was the 'law and order' mayor of Philadelphia, and Mumia was one of the few journalists willing to speak out against the violence of his administration. In 1978, when Rizzo ordered the police to besiege and then assault a MOVE house, Mumia was the only reporter to interview MOVE members. Rizzo publicly vowed revenge.

In December 1981, Mumia saw his brother being beaten by a policeman. Mumia intervened. The policeman was killed and Mumia critically wounded. The trial was a farce presided over by a judge who was a retired member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He refused Mumia's request to represent himself. Black people were systematically excluded from the jury. An article about Mumia at age 16 for the Philadelphia Inquirer was introduced to prove 'intent' of an alleged long-held wish to kill cops and to thus secure the death penalty.

There is a long history of using the death penalty against radicals: Haymarket Square martyrs, Joe Hill, Sacco and Vanzetti, the Rosenbergs. Numerous organizers of the African-American, Native American, Mexican, Puerto Rican and Asian American communities historically have been executed with or without the benefit of a trial. In the 1960's and 70's, one of the tactics favoured by the FBI was to accuse those it considered enemies of the government of shooting at or killing police. This was used to justify the police executions of Panthers Bobby Hutton, Zayd Malik Shakur and Fred Hampton, and of Puerto Rican

Independence activists Soto-Arrivi and Dario Rosado. Some of the longest-held political prisoners and prisoners-of-war in the U.S., including many former Black Panthers and American Indian Movement leader, Leonard Peltier, are still held in prison on trumped-up charges of killing police or FBI agents. Dhoruba bin Wahad, a former leader of the New York Black Panther Party, was recently freed after doing 19 years in prison on a fabricated charge of shooting two police.

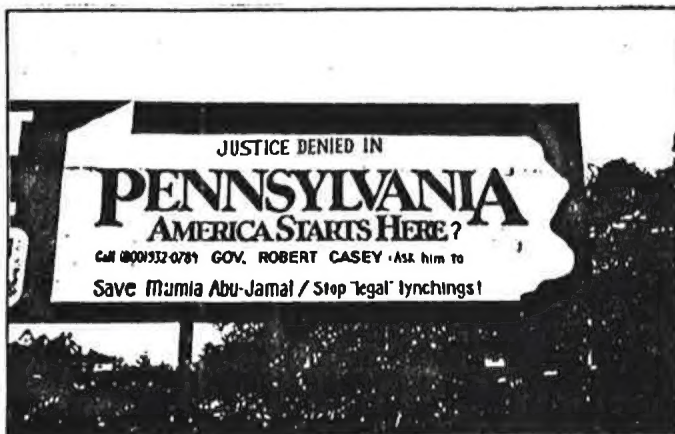
We need to stop the railroad of Mumia Abu-Jamal. The death penalty means we have little time to do it. Mumia has exhausted his state appeals and Pennsylvania's governor Robert Casey has begun signing death warrants. The U.S. Supreme Court just added it own blessing by refusing to review the case.

We must not allow the same racist fear and hatred of African-American self-determination that brought about COINTELPRO to execute Mumia. We cannot allow the state to finish the job the FBI and Philadelphia police started when they dropped the bomb on the MOVE house in May 1985 killing 11 men, women and children, by putting Mumia Abu-Jamal to death. We must put a stop to this genocidal agenda that has put more than 2400 Third World and white working class people on death rows around the country. The death penalty has already been used to kill children, the mentally retarded, and the innocent. Now, unless we stop it, it will be again used as a tool of political revenge. The struggle against racism and injustice in this country has had enough martyrs.

We, the undersigned Prisoners of War, political prisoners, and politically conscious social prisoners demand that Governor Casey commute the death sentence of Mumia Abu-Jamal. (Write to Gov. Robert Casey, Main Capitol Bldg., Rm. 225, Harrisburg, PA 17120.) We call upon our movements, our communities, progressive nations and all anti-racist people committed to human rights to join us in undertaking all possible measures to stop this execution. We urge you to adopt this case as the highest priority in the struggle for justice. Only our collective power can save this man that the Black community of Philadelphia calls 'the Voice of the Voiceless.'

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